

WHAT IS THE MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND?

THE MISSION ENDOWMENT IS A PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND THAT PROVIDES A LONG-TERM CAPITAL BASE FROM WHICH CHARITABLE GRANTS ARE MADE EACH YEAR TO SUPPORT AND INVOLVE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MEMBERS IN SERVICE TO OTHERS.



This fund is established to:

- ◆ further our purpose as a community of faith in God;
- ◆ promote personal spiritual growth and stronger faith through the struggle and search for a greater understanding of God;
- ◆ learn of and share our religious heritages;
- ◆ proclaim the Gospel of Jesus the Christ by word and deed;
- ◆ teach respect for not only God's word but also for God's world;
- ◆ further social and economic justice for all people;
- ◆ work for peace through the resolution of conflict by prayer, negotiation and mediation; and,
- ◆ engage in the church's wider mission to those who suffer from ignorance, hunger, illness, poverty, and homelessness in this community and throughout the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

PURPOSE

The purpose of this endowment is to:

- ◆ engage members in the service of helping others, locally, nationally and /or internationally;
- ◆ foster connections within and across economic and culturally sensitive sectors;
- ◆ support First Congregational-UCC members in activities that address social, racial, political, environmental and economic injustice in society, working for systems change and social justice; and
- ◆ allow members to give of their time to improve the lives of others in our global community.



WHO CAN APPLY ?

Anyone currently listed as a member or friend of First Congregational United Church of Christ

HOW DO I APPLY ?

Step 1: Stop in the office and pick up a 2-page application form. Please note the due date at the top. It is important that this application be returned by that date for your request to be considered. The application is also available on our website: www.mankatoucc.org

Step 2: There are three (3) parts to the application form. We ask for information about you, a description of your project or activity, and the cost of your project.

Step 3: Consider how you would like to share "your story or experience" with the congregation if your project is funded. Would you like to tell us of your experience at a service, in fellowship following a service, write an article for the *In the First Place* newsletter, or do a poster display? We ask each of our grant recipients to tell us what you did and what the experience meant to you.

WHO DECIDES ?

A Board governs the Mission Endowment, whose members include the Lead Pastor and appointees from the Mission Ministries Team, the Board of Trustees, and from the congregation at large. The Mission Endowment Board is accountable to the Mission Ministries Team.

FROM WHERE DOES THE FUNDING COME?

Funds are sought from members of First Congregational UCC Church through:

- Memorials
- Donations

In addition, grant requests will be sought to fund activities that meet the Mission & Purpose of this Endowment.



WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP ?

◆Apply! Consider a project you've wanted to get involved in to help others but may not have been able to pursue because of the cost. We encourage you to apply now.

◆Perhaps you have a suggestion or are knowledgeable about possible mission projects that you'd like the Mission Ministries Endowment Board to be aware of. We want to hear from you.

◆If you like the idea of putting faith into action, consider giving a tax-deductible donation to the Mission Endowment Fund. To do so, please speak with Pastor Al by phone (507) 387-6592 or by e-mail: pastoral@mankatoucc.org We appreciate your good will.



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“You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14-16

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